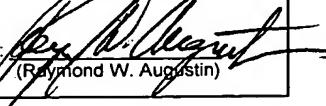


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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the enclosed photographs depicted as Figs. 5, 10A, 10B, and 13 be accepted for purposes of issuance of the above-captioned patent application. Pursuant to the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b)(1)(i) and (ii), please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 in the amount of \$130.00, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). The photographs are being submitted in lieu of drawings due to the nature of the subject matter.

Additionally, we are enclosing herewith 14 sheets of formal drawings for filing in connection with the above-identified application.

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